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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: USG/ROKG BILATERAL AGREEMENT SUGGESTED PRESS
GUIDANCE

1. ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, U.S. TEXTILE DELEGATION SUGGESTS FOLLOWING COULD BE USED AS PRESS GUIDANCE IN WASHINGTON IF QUERIED ABOUT AGREEMENT REACHED AUGUST 30 IN SEOUL ON NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

## BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED PRESS GUIDANCE.

A. THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA REACHED AGREEMENT IN SEOUL ON AUGUST 30 ON THE PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF A NEW FIVE-YEAR BILATERAL AGREEMENT COVERING TRADE IN TEXTILES AND APPAREL TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1978. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ALSO AGREED TO EXTEND TO DECEMBER 31, 1977 THE EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE EXPIRED SEPTEMBER 30. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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B. THE NEW UNDERSTANDING CONFIRMS THE IMPORTANCE OF KOREA AS A MAJOR TEXTILE AND APPAREL SUPPLIER TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS UNDERSTANDING ALSO IS RESPONSIVE TO PROGLEMS IN THE UNITED STATES OF HEAVILY IMPACTED TEXTILE AND APPAREL CATEGORIES, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON TAILORED CLOTHING AND KNITWEAR. THE NEW

AGREEMENT, IN OVERALL TERMS, WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE NEW U.S.-HONG KONG BILATERAL AGREEMENT, THAT IS TO SAY LOWER OVERALL GROWTH OVER THE COURSE OF THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AND SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER GROWTH OVER THE COURSE OF THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD IN THE HEAVILY IMPACTED CATEGORIES. IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PAST PRACTICE, FULL DETAILS OF THE U.S.-KOREAN BILATERAL WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE WHEN FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES IS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER. END UNCLASSIFIED PRESS GUIDANCE.

- 2. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PASS UNCLASSIFIED PORTION OF PARA 1 TO AMERICAN TEXTILES MANUFACTURERS INSTITUTE, TELEPHONE 202-833-9420, ATTENTION RAY SHOCKLEY.
- 3. U.S. TEXTILE DEL. WILL PROVIDE DETAILS OF NEW AGREEMENT SEPARATELY. HOWEVER, THOSE DETAILS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH MEDIA.

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